



Wallsburg artist Brent Flory won first place in San Dimas, Calif.'s Annual National Western Art Exhibition with this painting, "The Cook's A Little Crusty."

Flory's Gold Prize

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Wallsburg's Brent Flory brought home the gold from the San Dimas Festival of Western Arts with his piece "The Cook's A Little Crusty."

For the past 25 years, San Dimas, Calif., in an effort to "preserve the western spirit," has sponsored the Annual National Western Art Exhibition and Sale. This event attracts over 4000 people during the last weekend of April.

The San Dimas Civic Center turns into an art gallery where over 150 pieces of art are on display and available for purchase. The exhibition includes a trading post, auctions and seminars. The event is bringing national acclaim to San Dimas.

For the past two years, Brent Flory has participated in this show. Last year his work earned

"Best of Show" and "Festival Choice." One of his pieces is now a part of a permanent collection of San Dimas.

Flory became aware of this show through a friend and has been pleased to participate in it. The competition is shared with approximately 35 national artists, most of whom are from the western states but that is not a prerequisite.

Flory has also won first place in oil in Arizona. These prizes will qualify him to apply for the "Festival of Masters" which is held in downtown Disneyworld in November.

Flory has a list of shows that he participates in in the Western States.

His art reflects "a life closer to reality and nature – perhaps not taking as much for granted."

July will find Flory in Avon, Colo., at his next show.